ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9TH, 1894.

Dr. H. WOODWARD, F.R.S., etc., President, in the Chair.

H. W. Monckton and Col. Wilmer were appointed Scrutineers.

Inaugurated on the 27th of February, 1893, with seventy original members, its strength on the 31st of December stood as follows :

Ordinary members -	-	-	-	-	-	-		-	-	-	92
Corresponding members	-	-	-	-	-	-		-	-	-	34
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							Total	-	-	-	126

Ten candidates, who have since been elected, were nominated at the December meeting.

It is gratifying to record the large number of corresponding members, nearly one-half of whom are Australasian, enrolled during the past year, thus indicating a widespread sympathy with the objects of the Society.

The Society has to deplore the loss of the eminent malacologist Dr. Paul Fischer, by death : one member has resigned.

The total receipts up to the 31st December amount to £63 2s. 0d., including one life composition, £7 7s. 0d.; whilst the total expenditure for the same period amounts to £28 5s. 0d., thus leaving a balance in the hands of the Treasurer of £34 17s. 0d. To this sum must be added the subscriptions in arrear, amounting to £11 15s. 6d., making a total of £46 12s. 6d. in favour of the Society.

With reference to the comparatively large number of subscriptions in arrear it should be remarked that they chiefly refer to members elected during the last month of the year, many of whom reside abroad and have had no opportunity of remitting their subscriptions prior to the closing of the accounts.

A certain number of copies of Part I. of the 'Proceedings' have been kept in stock, and your Council regard this as a valuable asset. There are no outstanding liabilities against the Society of any kind whatsoever.

This result cannot be regarded otherwise than as extremely satisfactory, and it may be pointed out that had the receipts extended over one year, instead of ten months only, a still larger balance in favour of the Society might reasonably have been anticipated.

One number of the 'Proceedings' of the Society has been issued.

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It contains 31 pages of letterpress and two plates, besides illustrations in the text.

Your thanks are due to the following gentlemen, who have borne a large proportion of the expense of the illustrations :—Lt.-Col. H. H. Godwin-Austen, G. B. Sowerby, Martin F. Woodward, H. Fulton, and E. R. Sykes. A second number, containing the papers read up to January 12th, 1894, is now in course of preparation, and will, it is hoped, be very shortly in the hands of the members.

The earlier meetings were held at 67, Chancery Lane, and the later ones at Burlington House. Your best thanks are due to Messrs. Schofield and Harris for the use of their room in Chancery Lane, and to the Council of the Linnean Society, through whose kindness we are now permitted to use their meeting-room.

The papers read at these meetings either have been, or will be, noticed in the 'Proceedings.'

An important feature of the meetings has been the exhibits, which have been both numerous and valuable.

Now that, thanks to the Linnean Society, this Society has the use of an admirable meeting-room, conveniently situated, it is earnestly hoped that members will attend the meetings as frequently as possible, and that they will avail themselves of Rule IV., which permits members to introduce their friends.

In conclusion your Council would point out that the welfare of such a Society as the Malacological depends very largely on keeping up and increasing the membership; and they would urge upon members the desirability of making the aims and objects of the Society well known to all their friends and correspondents who are students of Malacology."

On the motion of Mr. E. A. Smith, seconded by Mr. W. Mark Webb, the Report was adopted as the Annual Report of the Society.

The Scrutineers reported that the following were duly elected as the Officers and Council for the ensuing year :---

President.-Dr. Henry Woodward, F.R.S., Pres. G.S.

Vice-Presidents.—W. H. Hudleston, M.A., F.R.S.; J. C. Melvill, M.A., F.L.S.; E. A. Smith, F.Z.S.; Rev. R. Boog Watson,

LL.D., F.L.S.

Treasurer.-G. F. Harris, F.G.S.

Scoretary.-E. R. Sykes, B.A., F.Z.S.

Editor.-B. B. Woodward, F.G.S., F.R.M.S.

Other Members of Council.—G. C. Criek, F.G.S.; W. Crouch, F.Z.S.; Lt.-Col. H. H. Godwin-Austen, F.R.S.; R. Bullen Newton, F.G.S.; John Ponsonby, F.Z.S.; G. B. Sowerby, F.L.S., F.Z.S.

The thanks of the Society were unanimously voted to the officers and members of Council retiring from office, to the Auditors, and to the Serutineers.

This terminated the Annual General Meeting.